

**TO: EXECUTIVE
23 JULY 2019**

**SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS
Director of People**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To note and adopt new multi-agency children and adult safeguarding arrangements in Bracknell Forest.

2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Children and Social Work Act 2017 and the associated statutory guidance "Working Together 2018" requires new multi-agency safeguarding children arrangements to be agreed by the local authority, Thames Valley Police and East Berkshire CCG and then published by 29 June 2019.
- 2.2 A decision has already been taken to end the joint Bracknell Forest and Windsor & Maidenhead Safeguarding Adult Board on 30 June 2019 in order to focus on local safeguarding arrangements in each local authority area from 1 July 2019.
- 2.3 Following consultation with the existing Bracknell Forest Local Safeguarding Children's board members and Bracknell Forest based Safeguarding Adult Board members, the statutory partners with responsibility for decision making have agreed a future model for combined children and adults multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 **For the EXECUTIVE to AGREE the new model for combined children and adults multi-agency safeguarding arrangements for Bracknell Forest**

4 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In line with Children and Social Work Act and statutory guidance the new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements must be jointly agreed by the local authority, Thames valley police and East Berkshire CCG.
- 4.2 In line with the Care Act 2014 the local authority must arrange for a safeguarding adult board to be in place. Thames Valley Police and the CCG must be members of a safeguarding adult board. Therefore, as statutory partners, the Local Authority, Thames Valley police and the CCG have agreed the new model for multiagency safeguarding arrangements following a consultation workshop with other safeguarding partnerships' members

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Other options were considered at consultation workshop held with our local partners. These options included maintaining separate arrangements for adults and children

safeguarding together with variations on the agreed model. Following these consultations statutory partners carefully considered the merits of all options before making their final decision

6 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 6.1 Currently there is a local safeguarding children's board in Bracknell Forest as required by The Children Act 2004. The safeguarding adult board, required under the Care Act 2014, has been a joint Board covering Bracknell Forest and Windsor & Maidenhead since July 2017.
- 6.2 The Children and Social Work Act and the associated statutory guidance "Working together 2018" now requires new multi-agency safeguarding children arrangements to be agreed by the local authority, Thames Valley Police and East Berkshire CCG and then published by 29 June 2019.
- 6.3 A decision has already been taken to end the joint Bracknell Forest and Windsor & Maidenhead Safeguarding Adult Board on 30 June in order to focus on local safeguarding arrangements in each local authority area from 1 July 2019
- 6.4 The three statutory partners, the local authority, Thames Valley Police and the CCG have agreed a future model for combined multi-agency safeguarding arrangements from 1 July 2019. The model is attached as Appendix 1.
- 6.5 This outline model consists of -
- a safeguarding Board whose membership will include senior decision makers of each of the three statutory partners; the Board will fulfil the statutory responsibilities of a safeguarding adult board and the requirements of the Children's and Social Care Act
 - a safeguarding partnership whose membership will include representatives of organisations already represented in each of the existing adult and children's safeguarding partnership; members will be expected to have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of their organisations; the partnership to provide challenge and provide assurance of safeguarding arrangements in the Borough.
 - sub groups and working groups which report to the Board
- 6.6 The model contains a timeline for implementation which includes meeting the deadline for publishing the specific new multi-agency children's safeguarding on 29 June 2019 arrangements, and ensuring that safeguarding adult board functions, as required by the Care Act 2014, will be in place from 1 July 2019

7 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 7.1 The relevant legal provisions are contained within the report

Director of Finance

- 7.2 There are no direct financial implications in the report

8 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 8.1 Safeguarding adult board and safeguarding children's board members.

Method of Consultation

- 8.2 Existing safeguarding adult board and safeguarding children's board members have been consulted at a workshop held on 17 May 2019. Partners are aware that the final decision would be taken by representatives of the statutory partners taking account of the feedback received at the workshop. Senior representatives of the statutory partners have met to agree the new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

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